

Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”) Meeting/Workshop
Minutes for October 12, 2016

Next scheduled meeting to be determined

Members Present: Laura Fitzgerald-Kemmett, Chairman and Member-At-Large
John Kemmett, Planning Board
Allan Clemons, Historical Commission
Teresa Santalucia, Housing Authority
Bob Overholtzer, Member-At-Large
Phil Clemons, Conservation Commission
Tom Hickey, Member-At-Large

Members Absent: Rob O’Brien, Parks & Fields
Patty Norton, Vice-Chairman and Member-At-Large

Guests Roberta Cameron, Community Opportunities Group, Inc. (“COG”)
Courtney Starling, COG
Hanson residents representing various town groups

Reference Material: COG Slideshow “2016 Town of Hanson Community Preservation Plan”
COG community preservation quiz

Prioritization Workshop

Upon arrival, attendees were given a community preservation quiz in order to self-assess their knowledge of the topic before the program. The event began at 7:09 PM with Laura introducing COG consultants, Roberta Cameron and Courtney Starling.

Roberta started the slideshow, stating the agenda topics as 1) Overview of CPA, 2) Summary of Resources and Needs, 3) Housing Needs & Resources Summary, 4) Potential Projects, 5) Group Activity: Prioritization Funding, and 6) Conclusion/Next Steps.

The first segment, “Overview of CPA” provided statistics relating to Hanson’s adoption of CPA, the program areas to which CPA funds may be applied, a list of prior CPA projects in Hanson and the amounts spent for each, and the 2016 Hanson CPA revenue and forecast.

The topic “Resources and Needs” began with a demographic profile of Hanson households relative to age and income, with certain statistics compared to state averages. Next, Hanson open space, historic and recreational resources were named, with special attention made to the assets and future of Camp Kiwanee and the potential of the Plymouth County Hospital site. The segment ended with a review of the housing supply in Hanson and its affordability, followed by an inventory of subsidized housing in town.

The “Potential Projects” section listed examples in each of the four categories—open space, recreation, historic and housing—that would be CPA-eligible.

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After a short break, attendees were asked to join one of four groups representing the four CPA program areas in order to brainstorm ideas. Each group was given a poster board sectioned off by cost and impact, and were told to place their ideas, using sticky notes, on the section of board that best represented its cost and impact to the community. After the small group discussion, about a half-hour in length, a representative from each group presented its ideas to the whole group. Teresa Santalucia presented for housing, Tom Hickey for historic, Marianne DiMascio for open space and Barbara Arena for recreation.

Everyone in attendance was given six red stickers and asked to circulate and place their stickers on the boards in order to “vote” for their six favorite ideas. COG will use the “stickered” boards to assess the ideas most popular with the group and utilize them in preparation of their draft community preservation plan.

Roberta stated that a community preservation survey will be online from 10/17/2016 through 11/4/2016, with the link to it appearing on the earlier distributed quiz. She said that COG will have a draft plan available soon after the end date of the survey.

The formal portion of the workshop ended at about 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Schindler, Clerk
Community Preservation Committee